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SUBJECT:DRV TRADE OFF ON USAID, MIA

DURING CONVERSATION WITH DEPTOFFS, LAO AMBASSADOR KHAMPHAN
PANYA SAID LFP FOREIGN MINISTER PHOUMI, WHILE IN NEW YORK,
HAD INSTRUCTED HIM TO GET USG TO "SEPARATE OUT" AID FOR LAOS
FROM THAT FOR REST OF INDOCHINA. KHAMPHAN REPLIED THAT IN
MAKING THIS PITCH TO CONGRESSMEN, HIS TASK WOULD BE EASIER
IF HE COULD INDICATE WILLINGNESS IN PRINCIPLE TO PROVIDE
INFORMATION ON MIA. KHAMPHAN SAID PHOUMI HAD TOLD HIM
PRIVATELY THAT NORTH VIETNAMESE WANTED US TO PROVIDE AID
FIRST TO DRV BEFORE THEY WILLING TO SEE MIA PROBLEM DIS-
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